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Applicant: Eiji HIRAI et al.

Title: ROLLING ELEMENT FOR A CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION (CVT), A CVT USING THE ROLLING ELEMENT AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE ROLLING ELEMENT

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 13, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment because it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: